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## Safety and summer activity go hand-in-hand

By GAIL EVANS, NSA CONSOLIDATED SAFETY OFFICE

The NSA Mid-South Safety Office and some dedicated volunteers will be providing free vehicle safety checks today and tomorrow behind the base Citgo gas station, as part of their “Take Five to Stay Alive” Memorial Day weekend safety campaign. They are not there to sell you anything. They will look over your vehicle with a written safety checklist and you drive away with a checklist that will let you know if any items need your attention. It’s the Navy’s way of taking care of their own, by keeping you safe.

This is a time of year that we look forward to a long weekend that signals the start of our summer. The kids are excited knowing that May 26 is the last day of school. Since they will have no homework for two months, it means there’s more time to play outdoors. For parents, it may mean a time for planning the family vacation, mowing the grass, spring planting, and outdoor grilling. It seems everything just ‘feels’ fresh and new. With the beginning of summer, kids are free from the confines of school and are out enjoying plenty of fresh air. They’re riding bikes, skating, playing basketball and just being free.

As drivers, we need to be more aware of them. Recently the Security Department has been more visible in the area of youth programs, the Child Development Center, and the Teen Center. There had been reports of vehicles exceeding the posted speed limits in this area that sees a large concentration of

small children. We need to be especially watchful of children not only in this area, but also throughout housing, near the pool, and around the Navy Exchange. While they are quick to move on two feet, they are even faster when assisted by bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters, and any other form of personal transportation.

The beginning of summer also means it’s time for the family vacation. No matter how long you plan to be gone or how far you plan to travel, the basics remain the same. Everyone buckle-up, don’t exceed the speed limit, don’t drink and drive, and avoid driving when you’re over tired. Don’t put yourself and your family in jeopardy. When you’re tired, pull over and stop. A check of the Naval Safety Center Web site indicates that they predict we will lose one sailor and one Marine during the Memorial Day weekend. The National Safety Council statistics indicate that on an average, there will be 464 deaths. During 2004, there were 13 deaths in Tennessee alone for the same period, and that is not including all the injuries that occur. While those may seem like small numbers, let’s remember that the weekend is only three days long. In addition, it does not say that all these people were on vacation, only that they were involved in motor vehicle accidents during that time. To improve the chances of returning to work with memories of a great Memorial Day weekend, remember the basics

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The Memorial Day Weekend Safety Campaign takes place today and Friday with free vehicle safety inspections behind the Citgo gas station. Participants will be given a checklist of items inspected, along with items that need attention. Take five minutes to make sure your vehicle is safe before venturing out onto the roadways this holiday weekend. The NSA Safety Office sponsors the courtesy inspections. (Photo by David W. Crenshaw)

## MEMORIAL DAY: A time to remember



Never Forget Their Sacrifice - All across the country this Memorial Day weekend, Americans like Seaman Christopher A. Racca, will place a flag at the headstone of a veteran, like this one at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Snohomish, Wash., to honor veterans of all services. (Photo by PH2 Eli J. Medellin)

By ART FRITH  
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Each year, on the last Monday in May, Americans observe Memorial Day. Unfortunately for many Americans, this is just another federal holiday that marks the “official” start of summer vacation. They have forgotten the true meaning and origin of this national holiday.

Originally known as “Decoration Day,” Memorial Day is a holiday that commemorates those who have died in battle while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Memorial Day should not be confused with Veteran’s Day, which is observed on the second Monday in November, is a day set aside to honor of all living soldiers and sailors who have served in an American war.

Many historians trace the origin of Memorial Day back to the U.S. Civil War, though the origin of Memorial Day observances remains in dis-

pute. While many historians agree that several communities began practicing similar Memorial Day traditions at the same time. Following the end of the war, people across the United States decorated the graves of soldiers who died in the Civil War with flowers and flags. Special services were held for the deceased. Songs were sung and speeches delivered as a means to honor the dead. One of the first communities to do this was Waterloo, New York. A druggist named Henry C. Welles decided that Waterloo needed to hold a celebration to honor those who had fought and died in the War Between the states. He suggested that the graves of these soldiers be decorated, while the men who survived would be honored with a parade. On May 5, 1866, Welles, with the

support of local officials and residents, organized what is recognized as one of the first Decoration Day celebrations.

Gen. John A. Logan is also credited with starting the national observance. Organizing the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), a group of Union veterans, on May 5, 1968, Logan issued an order to all GAR members designating May 30 as a day to honor those who died in the War Between the states by decorating the graves of soldiers and sailors from the North and South. Logan called it “Decoration Day.” As a result of the order, Waterloo and other communities throughout the country soon began celebrating Decoration Day on May 30 as well. In 1882, the GAR changed the name of “Decoration Day” to Memorial

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## Naval Surface Forces commander visits NPC

By LT. CMDR. KEVIN M. KENNEDY  
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Vice Adm. Terry Etnyre, commander of Naval Surface Forces, visited the Naval Personnel Command (NPC) recently to receive an update on the progress of the Surface Warfare Enterprise Personnel Readiness Team (SWE PRT) in mapping the requirements planning and personnel assignment, and individual and unit level training process.

NPC, the Navy Manpower Analysis Center (NAVMAC), the Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, Afloat

Training Groups in Norfolk and San Diego, the Center for Surface Combat Systems in Dahlgren and the Center for Naval Engineering in Norfolk have collaborated in this crucial project to “provide sailors and warships that are adaptive, dominant and lethal: built on a tradition of victory, infused with the technology of tomorrow, and enabled by the power of our people,” said Etnyre.

The visit included a breakfast that allowed visiting senior officers, like Etnyre and Rear Adm. Sonny Masso, deputy commander, Naval Surface Forces, the chance to discuss

vital “on the deckplates” issues with enlisted personnel and junior officer detailers. The breakfast provided the opportunity for sailors stationed here, like Lt. Cmdr. Tom Dickinson, to weigh in directly with flag officers; “I was really impressed with the time (Masso) dedicated to listening to the issues facing me every day as we strive to meet both the needs of the Navy and the needs of our constituents; you could tell he really cared.” Additionally, a daylong confer-

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## Taking the plunge



Here’s the Wind-up and the Pitch – Lt. Reggie McNeil sends a fastball right down the center to send Public Works Department Mid-South’s officer-in-charge, Cmdr. Cindy Manning into the cold water of the dunk tank at last week’s command picnic at Navy Lake. (Photo by Art Frith)

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# COMMENTARY



## Forward deployed ... still the place to be



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Warriors, we need to chat again about a subject near and dear to our Navy - especially in the Pacific - forward deployed naval forces (FDFN).

I've talked about this subject before, but I feel I need to address it again, because I just don't think the word is getting out as well as it should.

We have many professional and family opportunities overseas, and now is the perfect time to take advantage of them. Forward-deployed service, assignment to deployable units home ported overseas, presents our sailors with monetary advantages, education, travel and the professional experience

and growth to significantly enhance a developing career. Shore duty overseas also provides many of these options.

I mention this because our Navy is still wrestling with maintaining normal personnel rotations in and out of our forward-deployed ships and bases. My classic example is Japan. It's tough to get our sailors out there; but once there, it's tough to get them to rotate out.

Also forward-deployed duty still has reputation issues, and as I have mentioned in the past - it's all because of bad gouge.

Warriors, we need to look at the facts. And some of them have changed since I last talked to you about this. But the points bear repeating because, like our individual augmentee program, the FDFN is critical to our readiness.

One recent change for the better is sailors returning from a successful FDFN sea duty tour are now entitled to orders on the coast of their choice: East or West, it makes no difference.

But I know the number one concern is still money. For that extra pocket cash, you still have the assignment incentive pay (AIP) for critical, but hard to

fill, overseas billets. It still can reach almost \$1,500 a month extra.

Remember that AIP is scaled to meet rating and location requirements: in other words putting a qualified sailor in a needed billet. So talk with your career counselor and detailer about AIP eligibility.

So once we figure in the other FDFN financial incentives - overseas COLA, housing allowances, sea pay for sea commands, and for those looking to extend there, overseas tour extension incentive pay - an E-6 is looking at banking around \$17,000 per year extra on top of other pays which equates to approximately \$51,000 extra over a three-year tour.

Some other significant points from our last FDFN talk are:

- \* Priority seating on MAC flights for environmental morale leave;

- \* Paid travel for member and dependents on emergency leave;

- \* Spousal Tax-Free Employment Income (Up to \$80K — tax free,

- \* No out-of-pocket expenses

for orthodontic care (ex. children's braces),

- \* DoDEA schools,
- \* A very robust MWR, offering many travel opportunities, and

- \* Short waiting list for housing.

I'd like to make a pitch now for Pacific forward-deployed opportunities. Let's start with Japan.

With 17 ships and 43 shore facilities governed by three fleet activities, Japan has almost 20,000 sailors and 19,000 civilians. Those are all tough jobs and it's just as tough to fill them. But it also provides many professional, cultural, and educational chances for those looking for an edge.

In the Marianas, our Navy and Marine Corps forces serve as forward-deployed operational support in the Western Pacific.

Guam duty means being one of 3,903 sailors serving in one of more than 40 different flag, surface, submarine, medical and information commands. As a strategic support hub, Guam is a major pipeline of supplies and services to the forward deployed fleet.

Also keep in mind that Guam provides top-notch education, exchanges and commissaries, and excellent housing for a successful overseas family tour.

In all these areas, don't forget about the assignment incentive pay, cost of living allowance, and overseas tour extension incentive pay.

Another critical area is Korea. The commander U.S. Naval Forces Korea provides leadership and expertise in naval matters to area military commanders, and functions as a liaison to the Republic of Korea navy, U.S. Combined Forces Command and U.S. Seventh Fleet.

While there are no ships homeported in Korea, there are still approximately 300 Navy billets. Sailors serving here find spacious housing and great MWR services and support for them and their families.

Finally, there is Singapore. Ninety sailors, along with 50 DoD personnel, serve in one of the world's safest countries.

Sailors stationed there have phenomenal quality of life for themselves and their families with Navy-funded private education for their children. Single

sailors live in spacious apartments and have all the support of traditional MWR services.

The experiences you gain will be eye opening. Think about all the reasons you joined the Navy. I'm sure a good number of you joined to "see the world!" so why not take advantage of these incredible positions?

Taking on one of these challenging and rewarding billets may offer you and your family some extra money and great quality of life, but you'll also be rewarded with one of the most satisfying experiences of your life - experiencing a new culture.

For more information on overseas duty, contact your career counselor and detailer. Another great source of information is to speak to someone who has been stationed overseas, I think you will find most all agree it's a great experience.

I know I enjoyed it!  
Fleet Tip: As always I want your input. Please let me know what you think about this topic, any others I have brought up, or what I should bring up. You can always reach me at [cpf.fleet-feedback@navy.mil](mailto:cpf.fleet-feedback@navy.mil).

## New NKO instant messaging expands communications capability

BY JON GAGNE  
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PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) — Navy Knowledge Online (NKO), the Navy's knowledge management portal for personal and professional development and life-long learning, has added two new management tools that allow users to collaborate in an encrypted environment in real time with other service users around the world.

The tools, inter-domain messaging (IDM) and presence management, open new doors for communicating with users of Army and Air Force knowledge portals, as well. The Army and Air Force initiated the new tools in January, and the Navy added the capability to NKO in April.

Using presence management, NKO users can identify which users are online at any given time around the world. This provides them the opportunity to reach out and communicate with peers, mentors and subject matter experts, and collaborate on education and training initiatives or share support information. Users will be able to use the instant messaging (IM) tool to further these working relationships and build their own personal networking community.

"NKO is providing this service in a safe, encrypted environment to make the NKO experience more user-friendly and capable," said Peg David, NKO program manager for the Naval Education and Training Command.

"IM also expands the possibilities for chat and joint-service communication as the military continues to further its joint-service concept, especially in times of conflict," she added. "By eliminating the barriers that used to exist in communicating service-to-service in real time in a secure environment, operational readiness for joint-service venues will be greatly enhanced."

The Navy began the move toward joint-service, real-time communication in 2002 by selecting a contractor to incorporate an IDM and presence management tool into the NKO portal in much the same manner the technology was being used by the Army on its Army Knowledge Online site. This technology is presently being employed by financial institutions, telecommunication companies, and government and educational outlets throughout the United States, to enhance communication and collaboration in a global marketplace.

"The Navy recognizes that instant messaging and presence are powerful tools that will greatly improve information exchange," said David. "The Navy's decision to employ this capability reflects the important role these tools will play in enhancing NKO and improving operational productivity on a much larger scale throughout the joint-service arena."

Navy personnel are already realizing the benefits of the new tools in networking and communicating with other users around the world. Family members are also using the IM tool to communicate with deployed personnel.

"We are discovering that sailors and civilians are excited about the new capabilities for NKO," said Kenneth Decker, a functional administrator for NKO in Norfolk, Va. "Whether it be building personal networks or sharing ideas and technology with their joint-service colleagues, or simply communicating with family members back home, these new tools and capabilities are well-received by sailors and civilian employees. We're excited about the possibilities they present for the Navy's knowledge network."

NKO users can check out the new services on the NKO Web site at <https://www.nko.navy.mil>.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Angry? Stressed?** - Then it's time for you to check out the FFSC's free Lunch and Learn Series. "Dealing with Stressors of Life" is on May 30, and an anger management session is on June 1. Both sessions are from noon-1 p.m. on the third floor of Bldg. 456. Call 874-7519 for more information.

**Fore kids** - The 2006 Junior Golf Camp will be held at the Glen Eagle Golf Course June 20-22 & June 27-29. The camp is both weeks. Cost is \$50. To register, or for more information, call the Golf Proshop @ 874-5168.

**Join the DEFY team this summer.** Staff volunteers are needed for the Summer Leadership Camp, July 14-18. The camp focus is on substance abuse prevention, gang resistance, physical fitness, citizenship, conflict resolution, and self-esteem development. Call RP2 (FMF) Garrett @ 336-6765 for more information.

**The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society offers assistance if a personal emergency occurs.** This organization exists to help Sailors, Marines and their families in need. The hours of operation are as follows: Monday through Thursday 9 am to 1 pm. If help is needed, please call NMCRS to schedule an appointment @ 874-7350. The NMCRS Thrift Store is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month.

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## Chaplain's Corner

### TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER

BY CHAPLAIN ROB BEEDE

This Monday is Memorial Day, a national holiday set aside to remember all who have died serving our country. The president has asked that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "to voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence."

As you observe a moment of silence, perhaps think about Master Sgt. Kelly Hornbeck of the Special Forces, who was killed in action south of Samarra. He had written to his parents back in Fort Worth, Texas, saying, "I am not afraid, and neither should either of you be - for I trust in my God and my training, two powerful forces that cannot be fully measured."

Or, as you observe a moment of silence, perhaps think about Pfc. Jesse Givens of Springfield, Mo. His family received a letter he had written to them in the event of his death. He wrote this to his son, Dakota: "You've taught me that life isn't so serious, and sometimes you just have to play. You have a big, beautiful heart. Through your life, you need to keep it open and follow it. I will

always be there in our park when you dream, so we can play." To his wife, Melissa, Givens wrote, "Do me a favor after you tuck the children in - give them hugs and kisses from me. Go outside and look at the stars and count them. Don't forget to smile."

I include the words to "Taps" below as a tribute to each who has given their life so we might be free:

Day is done,  
Gone the sun,  
From the hills,  
From the lake,  
From the skies.  
All is well,  
Safely rest,  
God is nigh.

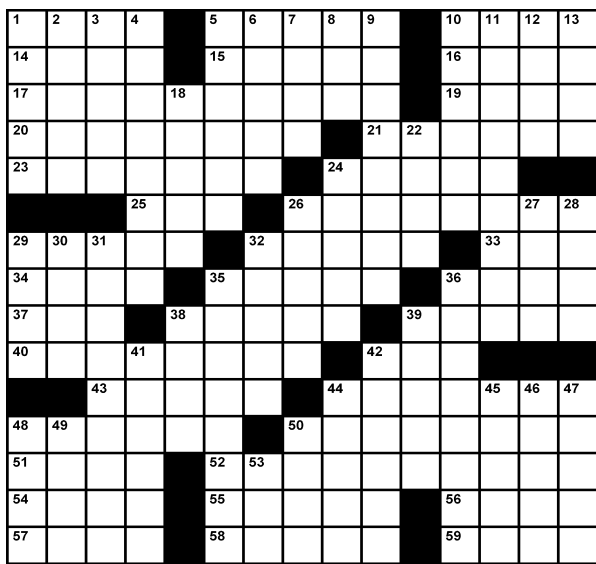
Go to sleep,  
Peaceful sleep,  
May the soldier  
Or sailor,  
God keep.  
On the land  
Or the deep,  
Safe in sleep.

## Crossword:

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- ACROSS
- Mantel piece?
  - Dieter's temptation, sometimes
  - Throat-clearing sound
  - Irish author O'Brien
  - Type of barrier or boom
  - Flintstone's pet
  - Type of rough football
  - Some old Fords
  - Wrestling duos
  - Storklike wading birds
  - Solutions
  - Suspect's out
  - Pay or can ender?
  - Sudden cool-down
  - Kisses in Mexico
  - French capital, in song
  - The max is 4.0, traditionally
  - "Lang Syne"
  - Cruise stops
  - Ran in the washing machine
  - Choral syllable
  - Actress Garbo
  - Sorority sisters, usually
  - Kewpie-doll features
  - Coney Island container
  - They may be held for you
  - Complete list of systematically arranged things
  - Hider's whisper,
- perhaps
- Shakespearean locale
  - Any time now
  - Pitcher's target
  - Fretted instrument
  - 2204.62 avoirdupois pounds
  - "... unto us \_\_\_ is given"
  - Org.
  - Knight ride
  - Words with "world record" or "precedent"
- DOWN
- Third-largest asteroid
  - Commercial designer?
  - Stumbling blocks
  - "Unforgiven" director
  - Capital of Eritrea
  - Motel units
  - Difficult burden
  - Sch. near Harvard
  - "Iliad" hero
  - Lines that are not rehearsed
  - Billboard listing
  - "The NeverEnding Story" author Michael
  - Velvety growth on stones
  - Loaf ends
  - \_\_\_ one's time (wait)
  - Main heart artery
  - They may be in grocery store aisles
  - Impersonated
  - Hippies' quarters
  - Sheet of matted cotton, e.g.
  - International money
  - Some NHL attempts on goal



### CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS





# Coming soon to NSA Mid-South: South Side Grill

BY ART FRITH  
NSA MID-SOUTH PUBLIC AFFAIRS



The long-vacant former McDonald's building on NSA Mid-South will soon be home to a new eatery offering a variety of food and entertainment courtesy of a unique partnership between MWR and the Navy Exchange.

The new facility, to be known as the South Side Grill, is one of the first on-base former McDonald's buildings being converted to a MWR-operated facility. According to Ronnie Miles, NSA Mid-South MWR director, the new eatery will offer two food services, "Mean Gene's Burgers will include traditional fast food items, such as burgers, fries, and chicken sandwiches." A build-your-own condiment bar will be on hand for customers who like to build a sandwich for their own taste. Meanwhile, Mean Gene's Pizza will offer a personal pan and 14-inch pizzas along with a soup and salad bar serving up two different soups each day. The drive thru window will be a major part of this operation, "The majority of the food items offered, with the exception of ordering whole pizzas, will be available through the drive through window." Miles added that they hope to add on-base delivery service shortly after opening.

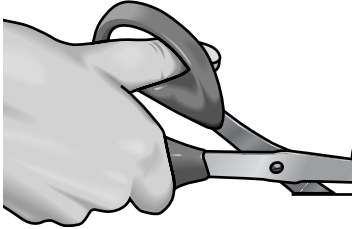
A new feature being added to Navy Blues is a full line of

desserts. Miles said, "These products will be much like you will find in the bakeries at Perkins, Jason's Deli and the like."

South Side Grill's opening means a change in habits for coffee drinkers on NSA Mid-South. "We will be relocating our Starbucks 'We Proudly Brew' operation from ITT in the Helmsman Complex to the new location," explained Miles. "We will be offering the Starbucks product during all hours of operation at the new South Side Grill."

About the name "South Side Grill": "We had a number of suggestions proposed and choosing the right one was difficult," said Miles. "It had to be simple ... one that would be easily remembered, be nautical, and reflect the diversity of the Navy community here in the Mid-South." In the end, it was one a MWR staff member, Marsha Bend, who came up with the name. Miles said, "She pointed out that people always refer to buildings on this base as being on the north side or south side. Thus the name 'South Side Grill.'"

The South Side Grill is scheduled to open for business in late June or early July.



BY ARLENE H. HULL  
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Trying to stretch your income from one end of the month to the other can be a challenging and frightful task. Even if you live in base housing, you still face the rising cost of groceries, clothing, auto insurance, automobile payments, telephone, and childcare. But don't despair, there is help. Discounts and special rates for many consumer products are available to members of the military. By doing the research and knowing what questions to ask, you can find ways to stretch your paycheck to a more comfortable fit each month.

One of the best, and possibly the simplest, ways of cutting monthly expenses is to combine two or more expenses. By combining several payments into one, you eliminate additional interest and handling charges and sometimes benefit from package deals offered by companies.

#### Insurance

Do you have automobile insurance, homeowner's insurance, renter's insurance, and life insurance underwritten by several different insurance companies? Look for one that will provide you with all the coverage you need in one package. And be sure to ask about special rates or discounts for military service people.

#### Utilities

If you live off base, what about your household utilities? When you put down a deposit for those services, did you ask about a waiver for deposits that some companies offer to active-duty service members? If you deploy and your family won't be staying in the home for an extended period of time, ask about vacation or unoccupied dwelling rates.

#### Telephone

Do several people in your household have cellular telephones? Look into combining all of the service plans into one "family plan" offered by most cellular phone companies. Some even offer free calling from one "family plan" member to another. And most cellular companies offer packages

that include free long distance, making it feasible for you to not subscribe to a long-distance company for your residential telephone.

#### Credit cards and store accounts

Here's a big one, when it comes to combining debts. If you have several different credit cards and are not paying the balance in full each month, chances are you are paying too much in finance charges. Look for a credit card with a low interest rate and a balance transfer option. Or maybe try a debt-consolidation loan. When

shopping for loans, remember that credit unions usually have the lowest interest rates.

#### Registrations and taxes

If you purchase a home at your new assignment but are a legal resident of another state, you may be able to apply for a reduction in property taxes. You may also qualify for a waiver for vehicle taxes and registration fees if you live on base. Ask your local civilian tax office or the legal affairs office on base about the rules that apply in the state in which you live.

Always remember to ask about discounts, waivers, and packages that might be available to you simply because you are a member of the military. If you don't ask, you may never know.

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## LEGAL LESSONS

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### Real Stories of Medical Malpractice

For understandable reasons, these families are against putting artificial caps on medical malpractice awards. If you were them, how would you feel?

Linda McDougal went in for a mammogram and when a dark spot was detected, her doctor suggested a biopsy. A hospital pathologist switched McDougal's test results with those of an actual cancer patient. That mix-up led to her double mastectomy just three weeks later. So, she had both of her breasts surgically removed after her doctor mistakenly told her she had an aggressive cancer, and there was no need for surgery at all.

Cyndi Enzenaur's husband was taken to the hospital. It was understaffed in order to cut costs, but performed a needed blood culture. Through a mix up, the results of that test were never placed in his chart. They were lost and recovered only after his death. He died Dec. 27, 2000, after doctors failed to diagnose pneumonia which led to a blood infection and septic shock. This was a totally treatable problem.

Cyndi, who is a Republican, says of medical malpractice, "It's not about politics. It's about an 8-year-old who says every night, 'I miss my daddy.'"

Ed Whiddon - a former pilot for Eastern Airlines and a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force - underwent a routine operation to repair a hernia. The anesthesiologist allowed Ed's blood pressure to drop too low (something they are supposed to watch carefully) during the 1 - 2 hour operation. So a lack of oxygenated blood circulated to his lower spinal cord. When Ed awoke from the operation he no longer had the use of his legs. He was suddenly the victim of malpractice at the hands of an anesthesiologist who left him a paraplegic from a simple hernia operation. The doctor's insurance company offered only \$125,000 and laughed in Ed's face at the idea of Ed taking his case to court to be heard by a jury. He will never walk again.

When Jennifer Tinsman went into labor, monitors showed that her baby, Kody, was in trouble, but nurses did not call a doctor. When the doctor finally arrived and proceeded with a vaginal delivery -- not cesarean -- (as you do in distress cases) oxygen to the baby's brain was cut off for at least 20 minutes. Little Kody survived, but now has severe cerebral palsy. He is fed through a tube. He cannot walk. Jennifer suffered internal injuries during labor and can no longer bear children. A jury found several defendants liable for malpractice. Kody's medical bills alone will cost several million dollars. But the defendants moved to have the jury verdict reduced to the amount of Colorado's medical malpractice cap. Who will pay for the rest of the baby's medical bills? If the defendants don't pay, taxpayers (you) will.

If you think medical malpractice caps may be a good idea, go ask these families.

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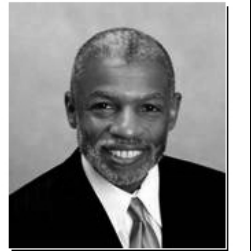
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## SCRAMBLE TO TEE TIME!



#### It's that time of year again!

First South Credit Union invites you to take part in our 17th Annual Four-Person Golf Scramble, Friday, June 16, at Glen Eagle Golf Course, NSA, Millington, Tennessee. Registration and lunch start at 11:30 a.m. Shotgun Start is at 1:00 p.m.

#### Call 380.7400 to register!

Deadline for signing up is Friday, June 2.

The entry fee is only \$55 per player and includes greens fee, cart rental, ballcap, golfshirt, lunch and more. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Association. Hurry, we're limited to the first 128 players!



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**VISIT**  
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ence hosted by Rear Adm. Daniel Holloway, the Navy's lead distribution officer, reviewed the progress of the PRT to date. Holloway opened the conference by identifying key areas to the personnel distribution and training process, which affect getting the "right sailor to the right place at the right time at the best cost." This common theme was echoed by other key briefers throughout the day as each section of the process of taking a sailor from boot camp to a ship was broken down to identify areas for improve-

ment. Etnyre was also briefed on other key initiatives in support of the chief of naval operations' Strategy for Our People, a program designed to harness the great strengths of the Navy's current force while influencing the Navy of tomorrow. Cmdr. Troy Hart discussed proposals; which include increased enlisted leadership and education opportunities, expanded tactical training for officers and an overarching diversity strategy.

The SWE PRT will continue to work over the next few months to refine the distribution and training process in collaboration with Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education and other warfare enterprises. First and foremost the goal is, to produce war-fighting readiness to Fleet Forces Command in support of the combatant commanders by providing: sailors trained and ready to fight, valued for their warrior ethos; warships ready at the right time, place, and cost every time; teamwork among our stakeholder partners to continually improve and produce innovative enterprise solutions, and a challenging and rewarding environment that embraces diversity and personal growth as essential components in the way we do business



Rear Adm. Daniel P. Holloway, assistant commander of the Navy Personnel Command for career management, discusses Surface Warfare Enterprise key initiatives with enlisted detailers. (Photo by Lt. Cmdr. Kevin M. Kennedy)

The PRT was established in January as part of a Navy-wide initiative to identify key factors surface warfare enterprise ships ready for tasking that affect mission readiness; or in the case of the



## THIS WON'T HURT A BIT

CTRI (SW) Nichole Whitt was one of many sailors to donate blood Monday as the Mid-South Regional Blood Center's "Life Blood" team paid a visit to the Navy Personnel Command (NPC). (Photo by Art Frith)

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# Morale, Welfare and Recreation

ALL HANDS  
POOL

& Aquatics Program

NSA Mid-South Bldg. S-772  
(901) 874-5169

The Swimming Pool is an all-hands Olympic size pool with a diving well, two one-meter diving boards and separate covered children's pool.

Qualified lifeguards are always on duty during operating hours.

General recreational swimming:  
Tuesday - Friday 1:30 - 8 p.m.  
Saturday, Sunday and holidays 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Pool closed Mondays

Facility Schedule

Swimming pool officially opens for business Memorial Day and closes Labor Day Weekend

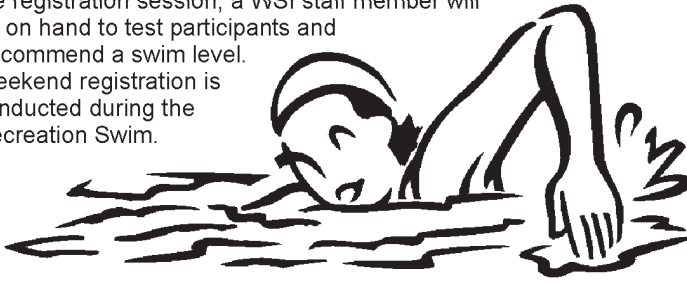
Monday	Closed for cleaning & in-service training.
Tuesday-Friday 6-8 a.m.	Adult Lap Swim available for all authorized patrons age 18 and older.
8:45-10:15 a.m.	Youth Program Summer Day Camp.
10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Learn to Swim Program (Tues-Fri)
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Adult Lap Swim (Tues-Fri) available for all authorized patrons age 18 and older.
12-1 p.m.	Water Aerobics
1:30 p.m.	General Recreation Swim Begins
5:00 7 p.m.	Learn to Swim Program (Tues-Fri)
8 p.m.	General Recreation Swim Ends
8 p.m. until	Private Parties and Command Functions (Tues-Sat)
Saturday, Sunday and holidays 8:30-9:30 a.m.	In-Service Training (Sat only)
10-11 a.m.	Swim Lessons (Sat Only)
12 p.m.	General Recreation Swim Begins
8 p.m.	General Recreation Swim Ends

Facility Use Fees	Active Duty, Reservists, Retirees and children age 3 and under may enter the facility at no charge. \$2.00 daily admission fee charged for all other authorized patrons and their guests
Punch Cards	(Pool Passes) may be purchased by authorized patrons at the All Hands Pool during general recreation swim hours upon presentation of military or DoD identification.
E1-E6.....	10 punch card = \$12.00 (\$1.20 per punch) 20 punch card = \$18.00 (\$ .90 per punch) 30 punch card = \$21.50 (\$ .71 per punch)
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Learn to Swim Program

Registration Starts May 26

Classes will be offered for Preschool and Levels 1 through 6 in accordance with American Red Cross guidelines. All classes are 8 class periods, 45 minutes each, with the exception of Preschool and Level 1, which will be 30 minutes. Learn to Swim program registration will be completed at the pool for the upcoming session only. On weekdays during the registration session, a WSI staff member will be on hand to test participants and recommend a swim level. Weekend registration is conducted during the Recreation Swim.



Morning Classes:  
Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 to 12 p.m.  
Session 1 - June 6-June 16  
Registration....May 26- June 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Session 2 - June 27-July 14  
Registration....June 16-June 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Session 3 - July 25-Aug 4  
Registration....July 14-July 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Afternoon Classes:  
Tues/Thur or Wed/Fri, 5:00 to 7 p.m.  
Session 1 - June 6-June 30  
Registration....May 26- June 6, 4:00 to 6 p.m.  
Session 2 - July 6-July 28 (7 classes)  
Registration....June 30-July 6, 4:00 to 6 p.m.  
Session 3  
Registration....July 28-Aug 1, 4:00 to 6 p.m.  
Class dates....Aug 1-Aug 25


Price - \$40 for 1st family member, \$35 for 2nd, \$30 for 3rd or more registered during the same class period. Private lessons are available. (\$15 per session). Call 874-5169 for more information

USO

Lt. Dan Band

—featuring Gary Sinise—

Friday, June 2, 7-10 p.m.  
(between the chapel and craftech)




Gary Sinise (sometimes better known as Lt. Dan from the 1994 film "Forrest Gump" and more recently as "Detective Mac Taylor" from the hit TV show CSI New York) and the Lt. Dan Band have forged what has turned out to be an extraordinary commitment to the USO, performing for troops and their families around the world. The Lt. Dan Band covers everything from Springsteen to Linkin Park, from Aretha to Hendrix. There's something for everyone, and each show highlights the musical diversity of the band, as well as the passion and energy each member brings to the stage. Whether they're performing for troops overseas or a local club crowd, the goal is to have fun and rock the house! Watch for more details to be announced.

Do you want to get out and play Golf, but don't have anyone play with?

Well that's not a problem during Glen Eagle's Ladies Tuesday Evening Golf

Ladies of all skill levels are welcome to enjoy Tuesday evenings on the links. Every Tuesday at 5 p.m.  
Cost: \$10 for 9 holes (includes cart)

For more information call (901) 874-5168.



All Kids Golf Club!

Glen Eagle Golf Course welcomes all young golfers ages 8-15 years of age to sign up for Junior Golf Camp 2006.

June 20-22 and June 27-29  
Cost: \$50 per child

1st session 8-9 a.m. 2nd session 9-30-10:30 a.m. Camp limited to the first 15 per session. Please bring your own clubs. Clubs can be provided by the course for those that need them to participate in this camp. To register please call the Golf Pro-Shop (901) 874-5168.



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First visit is FREE!  
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2:15-9 pm Friday & 4-9 pm Saturday  
Monthly pass is \$5  
Two staff members at all times!  
Navy Teen Center 901-874-5494 Bldg. S-770

Dance Classes

Ballet, Jazz & Tap  
NSA Mid-South Conference Center N-767

AGE GROUP	CLASS TIME	
2-4 years	9-10 am	\$10 Family Registration Fee
4-5 years	10-11 am	
6-8 years	12-1 pm	
8-12 years	11 am-12 pm	Monthly Fee: Military/Retiree \$30 DoD \$35 Community Civilian \$40
12 & older	8-9am	

First class is FREE!  
Call the YC for class info & for multi-child discount rates!

Instructor: Peggy Holden Armstrong  
has over 30 years experience in dance instruction.

Youth Center 901-874-5155

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Ages 6-Adult

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Monthly Fee:  
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9-16 \$20  
17 & up \$25  
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

@ your Navy Youth Center and Teen Center?

Here is an overview of our ongoing programs and events. Please stop by or call for further information.

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Bldg. 936 901-874-5155  
Navy Teen Center  
Bldg. S-770 901-874-5594  
Visit [www.nsamidsouth.navy.mil](http://www.nsamidsouth.navy.mil) for MWR info, the required YC and TC paperwork.

FAMILY RECREATION NIGHT

YOUTH CENTER BLDG. 936

Challenge the kids to a board game or enjoy a movie together!

Available at YC:  
• relaxed atmosphere  
• movies on a big screen TV  
• foosball and games  
• family friendly concessions


Monday and Wednesday 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Enjoy a FREE night out together as a family!  
Navy Youth Center 901-874-5155

Kid's Night Out

Trip to the Movies!

Friday, May 19

Youth in 1st-5th grade are invited to join us for Kid's Night Out - trip to the movies to see "Over the Hedge." Fee covers supervision, admission and transportation to theater (and ride home upon request.) Space is limited so drop by and register today. Deadline to register May 8. Fee for this event \$10 per child. Call (901) 874-5155.



Outdoor Recreation

Lazy Anchor Ranch

Boarding & Riding Stables



Saddle Club horse shows

June 3, 17 & July 1, 15 and 19

About horse shows-

Negative Coggins required- please provide a copy for our records. Points awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd places, and for participation. Highlights of points listing: Halter, English and Western styles, Jr. and Sr. Speed, Youth, Jr., and Sr. Horsemanship, Saddle Classes, Poles, Flags, and Barrels. Entry fee: members \$2, non-members \$3. In the event of inclement weather shows will be rescheduled whenever possible.

The Lazy Anchor Ranch invites everyone come out to the ranch and join in the fun. We've been kickin' our boots up all summer long and we're not done yet! Drop by to ride with us or to watch a good old-fashioned horse show at the riding arena. Concessions available during horse shows. For more information call our Stable Master: Regina Pearson at 872-3656.

... dining ...

Eagle's Peak Grille

Glen Eagle Golf Course NSA Mid-South Millington, TN

Breakfast

Lunch

Grille Daily Specials

Egg sandwich with choice of meat	\$2.50
Pancakes	\$3.50
French Toast	\$3.50
Sunrise Special 2 Eggs with Choice of Meat (Ham, Sausage or Bacon) Hash browns or Grits... Toast or Biscuit Coffee, Soda or Tea	\$3.75
Good Morning Special Three Egg Omelet with choice of 2 filling (2 meats extra) American Cheese, Swiss Cheese, Pepper jack Cheese, Provolone Cheese, Green Pepper, Onion, Mushroom, Tomato, Ham, or Bacon, or Sausage... Hash browns, or Grits... Toast or Biscuit	\$4.25
Western Omelet Hash browns or Grits... Toast or Biscuit Coffee, Soda or Tea	\$5.50

All Breakfast choices come with your choice of sausage, bacon or ham.

Hot Dog	\$2.00	Combo
Hamburger	\$3.25	\$3.25
Cheeseburger	\$3.50	\$4.50
Chicken breast	\$3.50	\$4.75
Chicken Philly	\$4.25	\$5.50
Beef Philly	\$4.25	\$5.50
Club Sandwich	\$4.00	\$5.25
French Fries	\$1.00	\$1.00
Onion Rings	\$1.50	\$1.50
Combo includes French Fries and drink		

Call 874-5415 for Daily Lunch Specials and get your order TO-GO!

Thursday, May 25  
Spaghetti

Friday, May 26  
Fried Catfish or Shrimp

Monday, May 29  
Chicken and Rice

Tuesday, May 30  
Open Face Roast Beef

Wednesday, May 31  
Baby Back Ribs

Thursday, June 1  
Reuben Sandwich

Friday, June 2  
Fried Catfish or Shrimp



# Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Last concert of the series Friday, May 26!

## 4th Annual Concerts by the Green!

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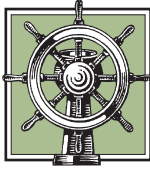


May 26  
The Distraxshuns  
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Monday - Friday

(See calendar below for daily buffet entree menu.)

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Daily Plate Lunch special

Your choice of one of the entree items  
from the buffet, one starch, one vegetable  
and a side salad or cup of soup with rolls  
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Call 874-5356  
and get it "to go"!

May A-La-Carte Lunch Specials

- |                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| #1 Seafood Salad                | \$ 5.00 |
| #2 Mandarin Chicken Salad       | \$ 5.00 |
| #3 Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad | \$ 5.00 |
| #4 Chicken Taco Salad           | \$ 5.00 |

## ITT vacation and ticket offers

For more information or tickets stop by Information, Tickets and Travel Office, in the Helmsman Complex Bldg. S-760 Navy Mid-South or call (901) 874-5652/5455, 1-800-779-4252.



Cardinals vs Dodgers at New Busch Stadium!  
ITT Overnight trip scheduled July 14-15

Single \$245 • Double \$340 • Triple \$435 • Quad \$530

ITT Overnight trip to see Cardinals vs Dodgers at New Busch Stadium July 14-15. Baseball's finest will be at the Busch Stadium in St. Louis and you can be there too! ITT is one of the few sources for the limited number of tickets that are still available for this game! Itinerary: Friday, July 14 - Depart Navy Mid-South at 11 a.m. Arrive Sheraton Hotel St. Louis by 4:30. Game time 7:10 p.m. Saturday, July 15 - Depart the hotel at 9 a.m. to tour Anheuser Busch Brewery. Depart to return to Navy Mid-South immediately following Brewery Tour. Stop en route on return trip to Navy Mid-South for Dutch Treat Dinner. Cost includes tickets to the game; deluxe hotel accommodations at the Sheraton Hotel St. Louis; round trip transportation onboard MWR Coach Bus; sodas/water and movies en route; and Anheuser Busch Brewery Tour admission. Deadline to sign up June 14, 2006.



Saturday, June 3 at 6:10 p.m.  
Fireworks immediately after the game.

Sunday, June 4 at 2:10 p.m.  
First 10,000 fans through the gate  
receive free voucher to Six Flags St. Louis

Thursday, June 15 at 7:10 p.m.  
First 1500 receive backpack  
courtesy of Coca Cola.

More game dates available.  
All above game tickets \$8.75.  
Tickets available up to week before game.



FATHER'S DAY  
SUNDAY  
BRUNCH  
June 18,  
11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Menu includes  
carved top round of beef au jus,  
Tennessee pit smoked ham,  
southern fried chicken,  
mashed potatoes with gravy,  
candied yams, green beans,  
corn Obrien,  
eggs cooked to order,  
sausage, bacon, grits, hash browns,  
French toast, biscuits, rolls,  
coffee, tea, orange juice,  
and champagne.

Adults \$8.95  
Children age 5-10 half price  
Children under 5 eat free

Father's Day Special



Join the Fun!

Friday, June 17  
5 - 7 p.m.  
Free Pizza and Salad  
Play a special game to honor  
Father's Day!

Navy Mid-South MWR Bingo Program  
Helmsman Complex Bldg. S-760  
Call (901) 874-5443 for more information.

Mongolian BBQ  
Double Delight!









Saturday, June 3 and Friday, June 23  
5 - 8 p.m.

An array of meats, vegetables and sauces  
cooked to your liking served with rice and rolls.  
Choose ... turkey, pork, beef, shrimp,  
green cabbage, bean sprouts, water  
chestnuts, celery, red/green and white  
onions, bamboo shoots, snow peas,  
carrots, mushrooms, pineapple and  
jalapeno peppers.

Cost: 60 cents per oz.

## IN THE COMING WEEK!

MAY 25-JUNE 1, 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><p>Enjoy a <b>FREE</b> picture show in our 36-seat movie theater.</p><p>Popcorn and snacks available. All shows start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise specified.</p><p><i>Ellison Recreation Center is open to active duty, retired, reserve military members, DoD employees and their family members. Patrons must be 18 years or older to attend.</i></p></div>				<div><p><i>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</i> <b>25</b> <i>Roast Beef Pit Smoked Ham</i></p><hr/><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Eight Below</i> (PG)</p></div>	<div><p><i>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</i> <b>26</b> <i>Fried Catfish Fried Shrimp</i></p><hr/><p> <b>Every Friday Golf Course</b></p><hr/><p> <b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p><hr/><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Half Light</i> (R)</p></div>	<div><p><b>Ballet, Jazz and Tap Class</b> <b>27</b> every Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Conference Center</p><hr/><p> <b>FAMILY MOVIE DAY!</b> Ellison Rec. Center 1 - 4 p.m. (Movie begins at 1:30 p.m.) <i>Aquamarine</i> (PG)</p><hr/><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>The Producers</i> (PG 13)</p></div>
<div><p><b>28</b></p><p> <b>Group Fitness Classes are offered Monday-Saturday at Joe Dugger</b> Call 874-5497 for information</p><hr/><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>The Pink Panther</i> (PG)</p></div>	<div><p><i>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</i> <b>29</b> <i>Closed Enjoy the holiday</i> <i>Memorial Day</i></p><hr/><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>The Hills have Eyes</i> (R)</p></div>	<div><p><i>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</i> <b>30</b> <i>Roasted Pork Loin Broiled Fish</i></p><hr/><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Something New</i> (PG 13)</p></div>	<div><p><i>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</i> <b>31</b> <i>Southern Fried Chicken Liver and Onions</i></p><hr/><p><b>Family Recreation Night</b> 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center Call 874-5155 for details!</p><p><b>Karate (Shorin-Ryu)</b> 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center</p><hr/><p> <b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p><hr/><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>The River King</i> (R)</p></div>	<div><p><i>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</i> <b>1</b> <i>Roast Beef Pit Smoked Ham</i></p><hr/><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Title to be announced</i></p></div>	<div><p><i>Helmsman Lunch Buffet</i> <b>2</b> <i>Fried Catfish Beef Tips with Wine Sauce</i></p><hr/><p> —featuring Gary Sinise— <b>Friday, June 2, 7-10 p.m.</b> (between the chapel and craftch)</p><hr/><p> <b>BINGO</b> 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!</p><hr/><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Title to be announced</i></p></div>	<div><p><b>Ballet, Jazz and Tap Class</b> <b>3</b> every Sat. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Conference Center</p><hr/><p><b>Free Movie 7 p.m.</b> at the Ellison Rec. Center <i>Title to be announced</i></p></div>





# Well done!

**NSA Mid-South commanding officer Capt. Matt Straughan congratulates David Church upon receiving his bachelor of science degree in industrial technology from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Church is one of more than 184 graduates, including 58 military personnel, receiving diplomas during the Navy College combined commencement ceremony at the Pat Thompson Center Friday night. (Photo by Art Frith)**

## The Purple Heart

By Art Frith  
NSA Mid-South Public Affairs

The Order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit, more commonly known as “The Purple Heart,” is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and the first award made available to a common soldier. This American military decoration is specifically a combat decoration and is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action.

The award dates back to the American Revolutionary War. Gen. George Washington, who established the Purple Heart at Newburgh, N.Y., when he wrote his General Orders of August 7, 1782. They read in part: “The general, ever desirous to cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers as well as foster and encourage every species of military merit, directs that whenever any singularly meritorious action is performed, the author of it shall be permitted to wear on his facings, over his left breast, the figure of a heart in purple cloth or silk edged with narrow lace or binding. Not only instances of unusual gallantry but also of extraordi-

nary fidelity and essential service in any way shall meet with due reward .... The name and regiment of the persons so certified are to be enrolled in a Book of Merit, which shall be kept in the orderly room ... Those men who have merited this distinction to be suffered to pass all guards and sentinels, which officers are permitted to do .... The order to be retroactive to the earliest stages of the war, and to be a permanent one .... The road to glory in a patriot army and a free country is thus open to all.”

Washington’s General Orders document was lost to time, that is until researchers at the War Department Records in Washington, uncovered this important document during the search for Washington’s papers prior to the celebration of his bicentennial in 1932. Dramatic accounts of three soldiers who received the decoration at Washington’s headquarters in Newburgh were also found during the document search. However, the actual Book of Merit has yet to be located.



President Franklin D. Roosevelt reestablished the medal that we know today in 1932. An Army heraldic specialist in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Elizabeth Will, was given the task to come up with a design for the newly revived medal, which became known as the Purple Heart. Using general specifications provided to her, She created the design sketch for the present medal of the Purple Heart. Instead of perishable cloth, the current form of the award is of metal made in the shape of a rich purple heart bordered with gold, with a bust of Washington in the center and the Washington coat-of-arms at the top. While clearly an individual decoration, the Purple Heart differs from all other decorations in that an individual is not “recommended” for the decoration. Instead, he or she is entitled to it upon meeting specific criteria.

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the president of the United States to any member of an Armed Force or any civilian national of the United States who, while serv-

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# The importance of your credit report

BY LT. CMDR. DAVID OPPENHEIM,  
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Are you thinking of purchasing a house, insurance or getting a new job? If so, the information that appears on your credit report might make a difference in your ability to obtain credit, insurance coverage or even employment.

Creditors, insurance companies and employers all use and rely upon the information that appears in credit reports when making important decisions that could affect you. You could be adversely affected by negative information that appears on your credit report. As a result, it is very important to check the information on your credit report before you apply for a loan, insurance or a new job to make sure that the information reflected on your report is accurate. Even if you are not about to apply for credit, insurance or a new job, it is a good idea to check your report at least annually. This is because the longer you wait, the more difficult it may become to obtain the information necessary to correct an error on your credit report.

There are essentially three major credit-reporting agencies - Equifax, TransUnion and Experian - utilized by creditors, insurance companies and employers throughout the country. Each credit-reporting agency may report different information about you - so it is important to check all three. Although you can purchase a copy of your credit report directly from each of the credit reporting agencies, you can also take advantage of recent

changes in the law that entitle you to a free credit report. Thus, recent amendments to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) impose an obligation on each of the credit reporting agencies to provide you a copy of your credit report at no charge once every twelve months. However, in order to take advantage of this new benefit you must request a copy of your credit report. You can request a copy of your free annual credit report by visiting <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>, by calling 877-322-8228, or by mailing a request (with your name, address, social security number and date of birth) to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. A written request form is also available at <http://www.ftc.gov/credit>. You may also be entitled to a free credit report if a creditor, insurance company or employer takes adverse action against you because of information in your credit report. In these circumstances, a creditor, insurance company and employer are required to provide you with written notice of the credit reporting agency or agencies who supplied the information utilized in making their decision. Upon receipt of this notice, you have 60 days to request a copy of your credit report. Finally, you may also be entitled to a copy of your credit report (free of charge) if you are a victim of identity theft, become unemployed or receive welfare.

Once you obtain copies of your credit reports, you should carefully review them to make sure that all of your personal

information (including name, address, date of birth and social security number) is accurate. You should next check to make sure that all of the accounts identified on the report belong to you and that the account numbers, balances and credit-limits are all accurate. Next, you should determine whether or not there is any adverse information (e.g. judgments, bankruptcies, charge-offs, repossessions or delinquencies) and, if so, whether or not it is accurate. Even if the derogatory information is accurate, it may be subject to deletion from your credit file if it is too old. In this regard, most negative information can be reported for up to seven years. However, bankruptcies may be reported for up to ten years and there is generally no time limit on reporting information regarding criminal convictions, information reported because of your application for a loan or life insurance in excess of \$150,000 and information reported because of your application for employment involving annual compensation greater than \$75,000.

Credit reporting agencies obtain the information that appears in your credit report from a variety of different sources including creditors, insurance companies, employers and even public agencies. Both the credit reporting agencies and the entities that report information (known as "furnishers") are subject to the requirements of the FCRA. The FCRA imposes an obligation on both credit reporting agencies and furnishers to investigate and correct inaccurate information that appears on your credit report. If,

after reviewing your credit report, you have identified any errors, you should notify both the credit reporting agency (whose report contains the error) and the furnisher of the erroneous information in writing. In this regard, you should clearly identify the disputed item, explain why it is inaccurate, request that it be deleted from your report and include copies of any documentation necessary to substantiate the existence of the inaccuracy. You should keep a copy of your letter and send it by certified mail return receipt requested. Credit reporting agencies and furnishers generally have 30 days to investigate and respond to your dispute. Following receipt of your dispute, the credit-reporting agency must request that the furnisher of the disputed information investigate the disputed information. If a credit reporting agency or furnisher is unable to verify the accuracy of the disputed information, then the information must be updated and/or deleted. If a furnisher is unable to verify the accuracy of the disputed information it must notify all credit reporting agencies to which it reported the information and request that they update and/or delete the information. A credit-reporting agency must notify you of the results of its investigation in writing along with a free copy of your credit report if your dis-

pute results in a change to your report. If after investigating your dispute the credit-reporting agency or furnisher do not agree with you, you can request that they report the item as "in dispute," so that other creditors are aware that you do not agree with the information.

Although it takes time, patience and diligence to make sure the information appearing on your credit report is accurate, it is well worth it. To speak with an attorney regarding this issue please call the Naval Legal Service Office at 874-7379 to set up an appointment.

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## Charlotte welcomes NASCAR thunder

The no. 88 Navy "Accelerate Your Life" Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS heads to the Lowe's Motor Speedway to participate in the Carquest Auto Parts 300 in Charlotte, N.C., May 27.

Driver Mark McFarland will be at the wheel of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s JR Motorsports-owned no. 88 car. The fleet honoree for the race will be Field Medical Service School (FMSS) (East) Camp Lejeune, N.C. FMSS trains Navy medical department personnel in field medical techniques, religious ministry personnel in field ministry techniques, and all personnel in combat survival skills necessary to serve with and support operational Marine Forces.

The May 27 race will be McFarland's second Busch race at Lowe's Motor Speedway and his third overall race there. In 2004, he ran both the Spring Busch and Truck Series races at the track. The Raybestos (sponsor of the rookie of the year competition) Rookie driver will return to a track where he has some experience, as he has logged 332 laps of competition there.

McFarland also picked up additional seat time at Lowe's Motor Speedway during the open test session held there earlier this month for Busch Series teams. The No. 88 Navy team spent two days learning how the track's new asphalt and Goodyear's new tires interact.

"The track's a lot smoother. You don't have to dodge the bumps like you did in the past," McFarland stated. "It's got a lot of grip, but the tires cause you to slide around a lot-especially in the beginning of a run when they're brand new. The more laps you put on them, the faster they seem to get."

As of the Darlington race, McFarland has remained 18th in the Busch Series standings. McFarland began the Darlington race in the 28th position and finished 18th.

The Charlotte race will be televised live at 6:30 pm Central time on WHBQ channel 13, WGKX FM-105.9 (Kix 106), and XM channel 144.

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# FIVE SEABEES FROM NMCB 133 PRESENTED WITH PURPLE HEART



Purple Heart recipients of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 133 pose with members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart at Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Center, Gulfport, Miss. The Military Order of the Purple Heart warmly welcomed the new members into their honorary organization. (Photo by PH2 Gregory Juday)

BY JOI ROBERT WESSELMAN  
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The commander of the First Naval Construction Division, Rear Adm. Robert L. Phillips, presented five Seabees currently serving with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133 with the Purple Heart medal during ceremonies held at Gulfport, Miss.

SW2 Class Jody Allen, CE2 Sean Sullivan, SW3 Christopher Moran, Constructionman Cody Cannon, and BUCR Richard Fisher received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained while operating in and around Al Asad, Iraq, as part NMCB 133's recent

deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In addition to elected officials, family members and Seabees, guests at the ceremony included more than 30 members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart organization. These veterans attended as proud representatives of those wounded in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm.

Before presenting the medals, Phillips spoke to the Seabees, their families and special guests in attendance, saying, "Giving out Purple Hearts is not my favorite thing to do, because it means one or more of my troops was killed or wounded in action." Fortunately, these five Seabees only suffered the latter and were

able to return home safely, Phillips added. All recipients except Fisher were injured because of an improvised explosive device (IED) attack that struck their convoy security team vehicle approximately 15 km from Al Asad.

The route they traveled was designated as a "black route," which meant the likelihood of hostile action was high. As their lead vehicle approached and began crossing a bridge on the route, the weight of the Humvee caused an IED to detonate. The Humvee was thrust up and backwards toward the other convoy vehicles, ejecting Cannon, an Elko, Nev., native, from the vehicle. Cannon, who sustained lacer-

ations to his head and arms, got up and returned to the vehicle to aid his more seriously injured teammates. "Growing up on a ranch, I had been hurt as much being bucked by saddle broncs," said Cannon about his ejection from the vehicle.

Allen, a Marion, Ill., native, sustained a broken jaw, chipped teeth, a broken wrist and a facial laceration. Sullivan suffered a broken forearm, a dislocated elbow and a broken nose. Moran sustained lacerations to his head and contusions to his body. Fisher, who was working on construction projects at Camp Corregidor in Iraq, was injured during an enemy mortar attack. He was returning to a project site

after taking a lunch break and was forced to take cover in a hardened structure during the attack. The structure did not hold, and the implosion force of the incoming enemy rounds injured Fisher. "I was very grateful that my teammates were there to help pull me out from under the rubble," recounted Fisher of the mortar attack in February.

The men and women of NMCB 133 have shouldered a difficult load over the last nine months, beginning with the land-fall of Hurricane Katrina, Aug. 29. As the ready battalion, they responded immediately following the storm to assist the local community in getting back on track, all the while preparing for a

deployment to Iraq. "Many of these Seabees suffered personal loss at the hands of the storm and, despite those losses, they proceeded forward to Iraq, serving in hostile territory under some of the most grueling conditions," related the NMCB 133 commanding officer, Cmdr. Allan M. Stratman.

Members of NMCB 133 have made a difference in the lives of the Iraqi people, according to Phillips. "You can't put a price on what it's like for people to have freedom of choice, to live in a free country, to prosper economically and not live in fear," he said. "Absolutely, you have made a difference. I am humbled to be associated with you."

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